(c) what action has been taken/ proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. 76 premises have been searched by the Income-Tax Department in the months of August and September, 1986. During the course of the searches *prima facie* un-accounted assets worth approximately Rs. 21.60 lakhs were seized. Appropriate action under the various provisions of the Income-Tax Act is being taken in these cases.

Bank service charges

60. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has increased bank service charges;

(b) what were the bank service charges a year ago and what are the charges today; and

(c) what are the reasons for increasing bank service charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) All the public sector banks have revised their service charges and adopted one uniform schedule of service charges.

The revision in the service charges was considered necessary by banks to enable them to recover to some extent the cost of rendering these services to customers. The revised schedule has been based on the findings of the studies undertaken by the Indian Banks' Association (IBA). The revised service charges are related to cost inputs of the banks in relation to specific services.

Old and new service charges in respect of some commonly used services are given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No 1]

Loss of mandays due to strikes and lockouts

61. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of mandays were lost due to strikes and lockouts in the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, how many strikes and lockouts took place during the last two years, statewise and the number of mandays lost in each case;

(c) what steps Government have taken to avoid strikes and lockouts; and

(d) how many strikes and lockouts were declared illegal by Government during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Statements I and II showing number of strikes and lockouts and mandays lost dut to them during 1984 and 1985 is attached. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexures No. 2 and 3]

(c) Government are keeping a constant watch on the industrial relations situation in the country. The Industrial Relations Machinery both at the Centre and in the States continue to make efforts to reduce work-stoppages through preventive mediation, conciliation and arbitration.

(d) Under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, the illegality and otherwise of a strike/lockout is a matter to be decided by Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals on which this Ministry does not maintain information.

Bank frauds

62. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of frauds in the public sector banks in the country are on the increase;

(b) if so, what is the number of bank frauds detected since the beginning of